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GERMANY

rpt May 15, 1943

HITLER

Has signed a decree published in the German gazette which continues his tenure as supreme dictator indefinitely; these powers were granted Hitler by the law of March 24, 1933 which expired on May 10, 1933 the decree must be rubber stamped by the Reichstag which is expected to meet soon at Hitler's call for that purpose.

AP, London, May 15, 1943
New York Times, May 16, 1943, p. 1

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GERMANY

rpt May 21, 1943

TITLE

His inner circle now consists of RUPPEN, OBERG, Führer, [sic] LEY, SPEER, BORMANN, WOLFF, GOEBBELS, and GÖRING, despite differences; to these may be added Philip BOUHLER the head of the Führer's Civil Cabinet, whose prestige is increasing; Goebbels, Wolff, and HIMMLER are the "fight to the bitter end" members of this circle.

Reliable source

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OSS (State Department), Pern, May 21, 1943

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GERMANY

rpt May 27, 1943

HITLER

Is more and more isolated; even GOEBBELS has not had recent access to him; KEITEL, ZEITZLER, BORMANN, LANTERS, FOHLER, and HIMMLER primarily comprise those who surround him.

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OSS (State Department), Bern, May 27, 1943

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GERMANY

rpt June 12, 1943

HITLER

Is hoping through HORTHY (HUNGARY) to crush the 'Hungarian traitors' / does not allow any gathering together of important German leaders for general staff planning; reports by commanders of the various sectors are made to him and his personal organization, which consists of JODL and KEITEL, both thoroughly incompetent; ZEITZLER, who is second rate, does some coordinating on the Eastern Front; the best Germans generals are von KLUGE and MANSTEIN, but none of the generals have the political courage to force a change in the above situation.

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OSS (State Department), Bern, June 12, 1943

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GERMANY

rpt June 28, 1943

HITLER

Is again on the Russian front after a long stay at Berchtesgaden.

OSS #18919, Stockholm, June 28, 1943

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rpt June 28, 1943

HITLER

A plot to assassinate him was foiled when three officers were arrested on their way to commit the murder; a von ARNIM was one of the men; it is rumored that General von WITZLEBEN was also among them; the officers stated that no one else knew of the plot / spends most of his time at his residence at Obersalzburg.

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OSS #18381, Bern, July 28, 1943

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GERMANY

rpt July 1, 1943

HITLER

Martin BORMAN (q.v.) is now his closest companion / does not really want peace with the Russians.

German industrialist
OSS #19118, Stockholm, July 1, 1943

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GERMANY

rpt July 19, 1943

HITLER

Is now living near Salzburg, at Fuschl, according to Hungarian diplomats in Stockholm; this agrees with the earlier reports that he is not permitted by his doctors to stay at Berghof where the altitude is too great.

OSS #19923, Stockholm, July 19, 1943

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GERMANY

rpt July 27, 1943

HITLER

Is no longer directing military affairs actively; a triumvirate, headed by von BRAUCHITSCH, is now responsible; Marshal von KLEIST is another member; source could not name the third.

Journalist to unnamed source
OSS #20248, Helsinki, July 27, 1943

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GERMANY

rpt August 6, 1943

HITLER

The Russian Legation in Stockholm has heard from a source which it considers trustworthy that Hitler is in a highly nervous state and that he has been shut up in his room with nurses and nerve specialists hovering over him.

CSS #20747, Stockholm, August 6, 1943

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GERMANY

rpt August 6, 1943

HITLER

His insanity is again being noised abroad; it is said that he is allowed to hear only good news as his temperament is mercurial/ his influence on military decisions is now quite small; he stays at Berchtesgaden except when he appears suddenly at Karin Hall or at headquarters / on the airfields near Munich and Berlin, planes are kept in constant readiness to permit Hitler and other leaders to flee at a moment's notice; by using fuel transported in accompanying planes, it should be possible for these transports to reach territory controlled by the Japanese with only one intermediate stop.

Responsible Germans who have been visiting in Switzerland
OSS #20769, Bern, August 6, 1943

Such details as the ^{which} planes are prepared to rescue Hitler and his gang will need corroboration.
OSS #20769, Bern, August 6, 1943

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GERMANY

rpt August 7, 1943

HITLER

Held a 'permanent session' at his field HQ which was attended by KEITEL, DONITZ, MILCH, ZEITZLER, JODL, SPEER, RIBBENTROP, GOEBBELS, HIMMLER, and GORING.

Telephone from Bern, August 7, 1943
New York Times, August 8, 1943, p. 1

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GERMANY

rpt August 7, 1943

HITLER

His popularity is now gone; the people love him less than the
Italians did Mussolini.

Person of neutral nationality having entree to the highest circles
in Berlin, who just arrived in Bern from Central Europe and
Germany

OSG #20771, Bern, August 7, 1943

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GERMANY

rpt August 7, 1943

HITLER

Has been pushed out of the way; the Generals are now in control of Germany; they wish to make peace with Russia, and they think they can do so; they give as reasons: 1) that Russia is now exhausted, despite her on-the-surface strength, 2) that STALIN is much annoyed at the failure of the Anglo-Americans to offset German pressure in Rumania / the Russian and German General Staffs are now in 'technical contact'; no negotiations are in progress at this moment, but contact can easily be made at the right time.

A friend of a diplomat whose country is German occupied
OSS #20779, Stockholm, August 7, 1943

Above diplomat is a serious person and he thinks there is something in this.

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OSS #20779, Stockholm, August 7, 1943

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GERMANY

rpt August 11, 1943

HITLER

Recent conversations held at his headquarters were full of gloom; spoke monotonously, without his usual brashness; everyone present felt that he would prefer a soldier's death because he is well aware now that Germany cannot hold out much longer; it is expected that he will assume command personally around Kharkov and that he will unite all fighting there under his leadership in an effort to prevent encirclement / orders have been given for a retreat in the East to Duna and Dnieper; Hitler, however, wants a desperate defense first / attending these conversations, which were not dominated by Hitler's leadership, as has formerly been the case, were: HIMMLER, DÖNITZ, von RUNDSTEDT, CHRISTENSEN, LOHR, FALKENHORST, and others.

Contacts (B-2) of Munich, August 11, 1943
 OSS #21395, Bern, August 21, 1943

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GERMANY

rpt August 17, 1943

HITLER

Ordered all mail from German prisoners in Russia destroyed; wanted the German populace to believe that the Russians had slain their prisoners and in this way to stiffen fighting resistance against the Red Army. (Source had not heard this report previously)

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OSS #21182, Bern, August 17, 1943

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GERMANY

prior to August 28, 1943

HITLER

Source was told that Hitler arrived in Kharkov during the last phase of the battle that preceded the city's fall on August 28, 1943; he ordered the men to hold the city at any cost, but even his presence failed to improve their morale and they were finally forced to yield before the Russian hammer blows / Nazi prisoners frequently say 'Hitler's kaput', and even officers have been heard to say this recently.

Shapiro, with the Red Army on Steppe front, September 4, 1943
New York Times, September 6, 1943, p. 4

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GERMANY

rpt September 1, 1943

HITTENFELD, Gen. ERIC

Has been recalled from Eastern Front.

FCC, NP, September 1, 1943

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GERMANY

rpt April 2, 1943

HITTER, Dt. General

Has recently been promoted from major general.

Pariser Zeitung, April 2, 1943
Press Survey

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GERMANY

April 1, 1943

HITZELD, Maj. General

His promotion from colonel was effective April 1, 1943.

State Department plain cable, Bern, April 30, 1943

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HOCH, FRITZ

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GERMANY

July 1, 1943

HOCHBAUM, Lt. General

His promotion from maj. general became effective July 1, 1943.

FCC, Daily Report, August 4, 1943

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GERMANY

rpt September 2, 1943

HOCHBAUM, Lt. General FRIEDRICH

Commander of an infantry division / recently awarded the Knight's
Cross of the Iron Cross by Hitler.

Berlin radio

FCC, Daily Report, September 2, 1943

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November 1, 1942

GERMANY

HÖCKER, Lt. General

His promotion to Lt. General
effective November 1, 1942.

Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung
State Department Plain Cable, Bern, December 8, 1942

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January 1, 1943

GERMANY

HÖECKER, Lt. General

His promotion from Major General
to Lt. General effective January
1, 1943.

State Department Plain Cable #841, Bern, February 5, 1943

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rpt May 15, 1943

GERMANY

HÖFER, WERNER

Recently said: 'Gauged by the range of the [Todt long-range] battery guns, the Island of Britain lies within its grasp.'

Berlin radio, May 15, 1943

FCC, Daily Report, May 17, 1943

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REFERENCE CARD

GERMANY

to February 1941

HOFFMANN, Dr.

Young, creamy looking / first appeared as assistant to Putzi HANFSTAENGL (U.S.) in Propaganda Ministry / his English was not very good, but he did excellent proselytizing for Nazis among visiting school-teachers / was one of the specialists picked by Nazis to contact Oxford Movement which he described as ideal vehicle for spreading 'understanding for the Nazi movement' / used to spend vacations in England, instructed by Hanfstaengl to flirt as best method of propaganda; finally returned with mousey little English wife with whom he was seldom seen / his interest in Oxford Movement remained active; dabbled in Christian Science, but dropped it because, in spite of their willingness to compromise, Scientists were dealt with drastically by Gestapo; Oxford Group fared better, and when Germans invaded Denmark, they felt Oxford Movement had "helped keep the

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to February 1941

GERMANY

HOFFMANN, Dr.

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• population quiet".

CSS, New York, Sigrid Schultz, January 8, 1943
(Source left Germany in Feb. 1941)

GERMANY:

December 11, 1942

HOFFMANN, AGNES

Nee Ast; of Wiloline, Kreis Guhrau / imprisoned in concentration camp on December 11, 1942 for dishonorably contacting a Pole.

Breslauer Neueste Nachrichten, January 18, 1943
News Digest, January ?, 1943

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rpt June 18, 1943

GERMANY

HOFFMANN, ALBERT.

Deputy Gauleiter / in a newspaper recently published in Dortmund, one of the Ruhr's most heavily bombed cities, Hoffmann warned the people against endless rumors and evil lamentations; said that one of the worst rumors of all was the rumor which said that Nazi Party leaders get even the normal food ration.

BBC, June 18, 1943

FCC, Daily Report, June 18, 1943

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HOFFMANN, ALBERT

rpt June 22, 1943

According to National Sozialistische Parteikorrespondenz, Deputy Party Gauleiter Hoffmann, Gauleiter of the Gau of Southern Westphalia, has been appointed Gauleiter of the NS Party.

Berlin radio, June 22, 1943

FCC, Daily Report, June 23, 1943

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HOFFMANN, ERNST

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HOFMA I, Dr. GEORG

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rpt April 16, 1943

HOFFMANN, H. R.

German agent whose propaganda material was mailed from Munich to U.S. until it was banned by the Post Office following a Dies Committee report.

Washington Times Herald, April 16, 1943

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GERMANY

HOFFMANN, HEINRICH

Photographer, who when describing the meeting between Ribbentrop (q.v.) and Stalin in Moscow, spoke of their famous drinking bout.

Sigrid Schultz - October 14, 1942 - OSS, New York
(Source left Germany in Feb. 1944.)

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GERMANY

HOFFMANN, HEINRICH

Court photographer; was with Hitler all through late '20s; Hitler talks to him more frequently and openly than to anyone else; some say he knew Hitler's niece whose suicide almost broke the Führer; introduced Eva BRAUN (q.v.) to Hitler when she was studying photography; hoped to marry his daughter off to Hitler who evidently had some sort of affair with her, but von SCHIRACH had to marry her to dispel homosexual charges made against him; has no political sense, but knows much of Hitler's plans and is often used to plant news among foreign correspondents; source saw him often with Pierre RUSS (see US) of INS; has made millions, particularly by taking over leading photographic firms; doubtless has money abroad and may be hiding some there for Hitler; very greedy and would never share his savings with a friend should they escape; terrific gourmet, eats constantly at Horcher's restaurant, although he

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pretends to like simple food in order to please Hitler; with the
KANNENBERGS (q.v.) must sit up till all hours listening to the
Führer orate at Berchtesgaden.

OSS, New York, Sigrid Schultz, October 27, 1941.
(Source left Germany in Feb. 1941.)

December 1, 1942

GERMANY

HOFFMANN, Major General Dr. HEINRICH

His promotion to Major General
effective December 1, 1942.

Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung
State Department Plain Cable, Bern, December 8, 1942

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GERMANY

April 1, 1943

HOFFMANN, Rear Admiral KARL

His promotion from captain was effective April 1, 1943.

State Department plain cable, Bern, April 30, 1943

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April 1, 1943

HOFFMAN, Vice Admiral KURT

His promotion from rear admiral was effective April 1, 1943.

State Department plain cable, Bern, April 30, 1943

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GERMANY

July 1, 1943

HOFFMANN, Lt. General KURT

His promotion from maj. general became effective July 1, 1943.

FCC, Daily Report, August 4, 1943

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GERMANY

rpt June 30, 1943

HOFFMAN, L.

Deputy gauleiter of Dortmund.

FCC, NP, June 1-30, 1943

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GERMANY

rpt April 17, 1943

HOFFMANN, OTTO

Chief of the S.S. Office for Race and Settlement.

FCC, FBIS-2, April 17, 1943

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rpt June 19, 1943

GERMANY

HOFFMANN, General OTTO

Recently promoted from lt. general to general of the S.S.

Berlin radio, June 19, 1943

FCC, Daily Report, June 21, 1943

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GERMANY

HOFFMAN, PAUL

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rpt December 9, 1942

GERMANY

HOFFNER, ALOIS

Aged 28; married and has three children
/ has been sentenced to 2 years' hard
labor and 2 years' loss of civil rights
for listening to enemy broadcasts, dis-
tributing news among his fellow-workers,
and discrediting German news.

Strassburger Neueste Nachrichten, Strassburg, December 9, 1942
European Press Intelligence, Propaganda Analysis Section,
December 26, 1942

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SWITZERLAND

rot February 1941

LÖFKEN-HEMPEL, ANNA

Middle-aged sculptress; for a while involved in a hot affair with SCHACHT (q.v., GERMANY), and was superseded by one of his secretaries; to appease her he pushed her artistic and political career; sent her to France to represent German modern art; she was only outsider present at Windsor (see Bahamas) wedding; Switzerland refused her a visa until she was empowered to represent German business firms there; now carries on propaganda and probably espionage; probably does this more for money and prestige than patriotism.

CSS, New York, Sigrid Schultz, October 14, 1942
(Source left Germany in February 1941)

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GERMANY

rpt March 30, 1943

HOFFMANN

Berlin representative of Krupp / arrived in Ankara with instructions for the Krupps representatives there, Uç Halka, to pay the capital levy but also to raise the price of all deliveries by 15%.

Well-placed source, reliability unknown
B, Istanbul, March 30, 1943

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HOFMANN